

Approved

Town of New Boston Selectmen's Meeting April 21, 2014

PRESENT:

Rodney Towne	Selectman
Dwight Lovejoy	Selectman
Christine Quirk	Selectman
Peter Flynn	Town Administrator

Senator Andy Sanborn, Deputy Town Clerk Cathy Strausbaugh, Recreation Director Mike Sindoni, Road Agent Dick Perusse, Brandy Mitroff, Police Chief James Brace, Officer Ryan MacLean, Officer Watson, Sergeant Mike Masella, Cathy and Sgt. Rick Widener, Kathleen MacDonald, Willard Dodge and 9 other members of the public were present.

A. CALL TO ORDER: A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by Rodney Towne at 6:00M beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda-The Selectmen signed the consent agenda. Christine moved to approve the consent agenda. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0 The Consent Agenda contained reappointments of Lee Brown to the Recreation Commission and Mary Koon to the Energy Committee; Resignation of Mitch Larochelle as Alternate on the Planning Board.

B. PUBLIC FORUM:

None.

C. APPOINTMENTS:

Item 1: Senator Andy Sanborn-Updates on Senate Bills and Activities: Senator Andy Sanborn met with the Selectmen to update them on bills in crossover between the House and Senate. He distributed a handout of bills in turnover between the House and Senate, highlighting bills affecting New Boston.

Item 2: Mike Sindoni-Recreation Director: Updates on Recreation Department Activities: Recreation Director Mike Sindoni was present to meet with the Selectmen to discuss updates of Recreation Department activities as follows:

- The Recreation Department had a good fall/winter season with successful and popular sporting activities and holiday events that were well attended and good feedback was received.
- Most programs are available for registration for spring and summer. Jeanne Bisceglia will offer a new art class. Zengevity is another new program that is going well. The summer concerts will be held on Tuesday nights this year instead of Sundays. Other towns also hold concerts on weeknights.
- There is a septic tank issue on the Recreation side of the white buildings. It was found to be cracked after it froze as it was not deep enough. It will be replaced next week. The

school was notified. The parking lot will also be evaluated to make sure there is enough surface material to prevent this from happening again. The Recreation Department has a good relationship with the school regarding use of the white buildings. There is a wait list for the after school program as the Recreation Department cannot take as many children with the use of only one white building room.

Item 3: Police Chief James Brace-Formal Swearing: Full Time Police Officer; Formal Pinning: Michael Masella, Promotion from Patrolman to Sergeant; Presentation for Approval of DWI Grant: Police Chief James Brace was present to meet with the Selectmen to present the following:

- Ryan MacLean was introduced and appointed a full time officer effective April 21. He is a 2008 graduate of Endicott College. He is NH certified and has worked for the Conway Police Department. He is relocating with his family to southern NH. Deputy Town Clerk Cathy Strausbaugh swore Ryan in.
- Letters of Commendation were presented to Officer Watson, Officer Case and Sergeant Masella for outstanding work on specific recent cases.
- A letter of promotion was presented to Sergeant Masella and he was pinned.
- A DWI Grant of \$1,300 was awarded to be used during two weekends this summer. This is similar to the speed enforcement grant. The grant requires Town Administrator and Selectmen signature to accept.

Item 4: Special Presentation by the Selectmen: The Selectmen presented Chief Brace with a Letter of Commendation and Lifesaving Award for his role working with a distressed citizen. The Selectmen noted how proud they are of the entire police force.

D. OLD BUSINESS:

Item 5: Approval of the Public and Non-Public Minutes of March 17, 2014 and April 7, 2014: The Selectmen reviewed the public and non-public minutes of March 17, 2014 and April 7, 2014. Dwight moved that the minutes be accepted as presented and sealed. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

Item 6: Second Reading-Public Hearing-Grant Application Policy: This policy was revised after comments were received at the last Selectmen's meeting. No further substantive changes are needed. Peter did say that he will use some of the recommendations of Fire Chief Dan MacDonald who did comment via an e-mail. Christine moved to forego the third reading and adopt the Grant Application Policy. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

Item 7: Second Reading-Public Hearing-Police Department Sick and Personal Time Policy: No changes were made to this policy since the last Selectmen's meeting. No further substantive changes are needed. Christine moved to forego the third reading and adopt the Police Department Sick and Personal Time Policy. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

E. NEW BUSINESS:

Item 8: First Reading-Introduction of Town of New Boston Finance Committee

Operational Policy: Peter presented this new policy for the purpose of having a procedure for Finance Committee members. Dwight moved to consider this the first read of the Town of New Boston Finance Committee Operational Policy and to forward this to a second reading and Public Hearing at the next Selectmen's meeting. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

F. OTHER BUSINESS:

Item 9: Town Administrator's Report:

- Rose Meadow/HUD Suit: Pending Planning Board approvals at which time the case will close.
- Riverdale Road Bridge: Peter will attend the Senate hearing tomorrow at 1:00pm. Senators Woodbury and Sanborn will be there and informed Peter that they will support it and it will go to the Governor.
- Footbridge: Peter is completing a couple more requirements for NHDOT then the matter will close. Peter will present a final accounting of funds spent and raised to the Selectmen at the next Selectmen's meeting.
- Request for Proposals from Engineering Firms: The draft RFP was reviewed and ad will be sent out this week.

Item 10: Selectmen's Reports: All attended the recent productive Planning Board meeting.

Public Forum: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Christine made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 PM. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

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